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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD FOR ENHANCING EPOXY ADHESION TO GOLD SURFACES, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information which is material to patentability (as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a)) in connection with examination of this application.

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